



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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July 19, 2010

Mr. Jeff Olson

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Re: FPPC Case No. 10/483; Taxpayers for Jeff Olson; Jeff Olson

Dear Mr. Olson:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act")¹. As you may be aware, the Commission received a complaint against you alleging that you violated certain provisions of the Act. Specifically, the complaint alleges that you failed to disclose website development costs, a nonmonetary contribution of wine for a fundraiser, and the expenditure of funds for office supplies. The complaint also alleged that you misreported a loan of \$10,000. The Commission has decided to close this case without further action.

Website Costs

Review of Form 460 Schedule E indicates that website development costs were disclosed, in the amount of \$1,992.00 paid to the vendor for the work. This was disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Nonmonetary Contribution

An email from the contributor indicates the wine was valued at \$120. Form 460 Schedule C reports a contribution of wine from Jonathan Stone in this amount. This was disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

Office Supplies

You provided a response to our office, indicating that office supplies were paid for with campaign funds, and properly reported. Review of Form 460 Schedule E supports this contention.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

Reporting of the Loan

You received a loan of \$10,000 from your father in law on June 22, 2009. On July 9, 2009, the loan was repaid to the donor, after you learned that San Diego County limited contributions to local office candidates to \$500 from a single source, and that loans qualified as contributions. The loan and its repayment were properly reported on Form 460.

While the Act does limit contributions to any candidate for elective state office, it has no such limitations for local elections. However, San Diego County Code of Regulatory Ordinances § 32.923(a) establishes a contribution limit of \$500.

Even though we are closing our file on this matter, please be advised of your filing obligations under the Act. The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If you need forms or manuals, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916-322-5660.

Sincerely,

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